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This part of IEC 60079 provides guidance for the application of electrical resistance trace heating systems in areas where explosive atmospheres can be present, with the exclusion of those classified as requiring Equipment Protection Level (EPL) Ga or Da (traditional relationship to Zone 0 and Zone 20 respectively). This document also provides guidance for explosive atmospheres incorporating the Division method of area classification that can be applied by some users of this document.

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